

**Glenda Wiles**

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**To:** Glenda Wiles  
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Dear Commissioners:

I am very opposed to the latest draft of the Streamside Setback Committee. I fail to see the need for a 200 foot zone forbidding the cutting of vegetation. This whole issue is the elevation of the enjoyment of the river guides and their clients over the property rights of the land owners. The river guides pay nothing to get on the river. The property owners have the costs of ownership plus annual county property taxes. The property owners are located where they are so they can see the river, a privilege they bought and paid for. The river guides want a wilderness experience without the effort of going to a wilderness. The river guides want to use the force of county government to strip the landowners of their rights to their property. How many river landowners are on the Committee? They should be at least 50%. Please disband the current committee and start over with more landowner participation.

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